

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SMUGGLING OF CELLULAR PHONES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of smuggled cellular phone instruments seized and confiscated in various ports and air terminals in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to curb smuggling of cellular phones into the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): The number of cellular phone instruments seized and confiscated by the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in various ports and air terminals in the country during the last 3 years & current year (upto June, 2001) is as follows:-

Year	No. of cellular phone instruments seized	No. of Cellular Phone instruments confiscated
1998-99	4717	4233
1999-2000	13326	9936
2000-2001	24890	13222
2001-2002	6810	5078

(upto June, 2001)

(b): All the field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) are alert & vigilant to prevent smuggling of contraband goods, including smuggling of cellular phone into the country.